

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11 and 14-24 are pending in the application. In the March 18, 2005 Action, the Examiner stated at the bottom of page 4 that "Applicant is advised that claims 1, 3-11 and 14-24 would be allowed if it can be demonstrated that the language of claim 1 requires activated carbon with two different particle sizes, a first particle size which passes through a 60 mesh sieve but is retained by a 100 mesh sieve and a second particle size which passes through a 100 mesh sieve".

During a telephone conversation between the undersigned and Examiner Cintins on March 8, amendatory language as now included in claim 1 was discussed. It was pointed out to the Examiner that this language is supported by the Applicant's specification, particularly in the bridging paragraph between pages 16 and 17 thereof.

The specification consistently discusses use of two different active carbons with different particle diameters. It was also pointed out during the telephone conversation that one skilled in the art would recognize that the language characterizing the particle size as passing through a mesh of 60 to 100 would exclude particles passing through a mesh of larger than 100. Since the distinction between these particle sizes has been maintained throughout Applicant's specification, the only logical reading of this language in the claims must be that particles passing through a mesh of 60 to 100 and those passing through a mesh of larger than 100 are different in size.

Further, claim 1, as presented before this amendment, recites that the first and second particulate active carbon are mixed in a ratio of 1:4 to 4:1. This language would not have any meaning if there was not a distinction in the size between the claimed first particulate active carbon and the second particulate active carbon.

Accordingly, no new issues are raised, the added language is clearly supported by the specification, and the language meets the requirements that the Examiner stated for allowability.

Entry of the amendment, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 3-11 and 14-24, and allowance of the case are requested.

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